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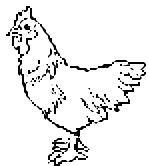
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all areas covered the full range, but had best movement for retail features and fast food promotions. Although mostly balanced, product availability continued to be affected in some areas by last week's holiday and adverse weather. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Wings were tight, breast items were mostly sufficient but closest for bone-in, and dark meat was available and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 63.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on January 10, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	93.50

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**WESTERN** The market tone was steady on regular commitments and fully steady for new negotiations. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying interest was cautious and selective. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best for parts. Floor stocks in fair balance. Breast and wings were firm with balance of parts steady to fully steady.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as generally light to fair at best and typical of midweek trading activity. Offerings remained in good balance as reduced holiday schedules and pockets of wintry weather limited product availability. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally fair with best draw centering around the occasional promotion. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained closely cleared and boneless skinless breasts were balanced. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. Wings were short of full needs.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer trade sentiment remained steady. Additional whole bird offerings were adequate for buyer interest. Movement into retail and food service channels was in a full range. Scattered retail features and fast food promotions provided fair to fairly good demand where noted. Floor stocks were generally in balance with weights desirable. Trading in the parts arena was seasonal with wings most actively sought after item. Supplies of wings continue tight to short of needs, boneless/skinless breasts adequate to long, whole breasts in close balance and remaining items adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, steady to fully steady on the balance.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand was improved aided by retail ads, fast food, and first of the month business. Supplies were close balanced to tight and held with confidence. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good with active trading for retail and further processing needs. Wings were tight, breast items were well cleared to short, and dark meat was sufficient, but becoming less available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 01/05/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	183,875	178,831	+03
CHICKS PLACED	149,121	142,848	+04
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	204,673	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	167,647	-	-

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 5, 2002. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 5, 2002. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001.

## Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 5, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 5, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.22 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 09, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	859	105.00-157.00	120-130	125.51
TENDERLOINS	158	110.00-190.00	115-120	129.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	55.00-59.00	57-59	58.49
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	34.00-46.00	35-37	35.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	356	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,335	23.00-29.00	25-27	25.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	88.00-93.00	89-91	90.62
WINGS (CUT)	474	102.00-115.00	103-106	106.74
DRUMSTICKS	67	46.00-49.00	-	46.31
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	828	105.00-160.00	120-127	126.17
TENDERLOINS	160	110.00-190.00	115-120	128.94
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	55.00-61.00	58-60	59.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	35.00-46.00	36-37	36.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	22.00-25.00	23-24	23.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,225	26.00-29.00	26-27	26.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	250	88.00-94.00	92-93	92.80
WINGS (CUT)	439	103.00-115.00	104-108	107.15
DRUMSTICKS	66	46.00-49.00	-	46.27
THIGHS	57	46.00-50.00	-	46.49
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	41.94	40.00 - 44.00	41.92	41.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity ranged light to fair and was noted as typical overall of midweek trading. However, reduced schedules during the holiday period, coupled with down time due to inclement weather throughout the region, had moved product into a better balance across the board. Offerings of bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to closely cleared and boneless-skinless breasts were balanced. Legs and leg quarters were clearing well. Wings remained short. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, with best interest centering around promotional activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and bone-in breasts, steady to fully steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	JANUARY 08, 2002 CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	121.15	677,060
TENDERLOINS	100	98.47	149,119
BREAST - WITH RIBS	47-48	56.04	218,009
BREAST - LINE RUN	47	49.40	155,600
LEGS	38-39	41.50	199,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.47	812,294
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.34	170,130
THIGHS	28-29	36.18	161,590
B/S THIGHS	84-85	85.97	86,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	99.28	392,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.28	34,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.77	18,435
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.47	26,320

ITEM	JANUARY 09, 2002 CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.59	429,410
TENDERLOINS	100	99.06	67,410
BREAST - WITH RIBS	49-50	56.64	209,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	49	51.47	177,840
LEGS	39-40	42.41	147,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.02	530,003
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.11	138,350
THIGHS	28-29	35.49	106,900
B/S THIGHS	85-86	88.35	51,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	101.09	366,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	52,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.60	12,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.99	26,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/09	01/08	01/07	01/04	01/02
ALA	4,004	4,069	4,031	4,931	5.08
ARK	5,400	5,422	5,294	6,991	5.13
DELMARVA	2,483	2,332	2,355	3,278	5.39
KY-LA-TN	2,048	2,050	2,007	2,442	4.63
MISS	2,867	2,869	2,805	3,846	5.14
NC	2,673	2,652	2,610	3,166	6.36
TEXAS	2,447	2,398	2,360	2,802	4.95
TOTAL	21,922	21,792	21,462	27,456	5.23
MON-WED 65,522 (A)					41.25

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Jan 01 and is estimated to be 32,798,000 up 7.00 percent from a week ago and up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,651,000; last year 30,606,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK
FRESH FRYERS	93-94	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113	113
HENS OVER 5#	98	91
DUCKS	152-166	

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN 12-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/12/02 (1)	01/05/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	158,115 (2)	125,379
LT HENS	2,151	1,565
HVY HENS	1,426	1,212
CHECK TOTAL	161,692	128,156

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Jan-02 is 150.6 million head compared to 159.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Jan-02 the estimated available is 155.0 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 7-Jan-02	80,910	56,914
AM 1-Dec-01	69,047	73,444
CHG	11,863	-16,530
PCT CHG	17	-23

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/07/01	12/31/01	01/08/01	01/07/01	12/31/01	01/08/01
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	5,298	4,844	4,615	3,318	3,359	5,687
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	119	162	108	1,849	1,824	1,531

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 09, 2002

	RANGE			FOR 1/08/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)					58-60	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)					60-68	
<b>9HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES</b>						
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.55	1.25	.82	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	4.25
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.00	1.30	1.12	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.70	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.85	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.25	1.60	1.46	ROOSTERS ea.	7.50	11.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	1.40	1.60	1.50	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.45	1.25	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.30	1.70	1.41	RABBITS ea.	2.50	7.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.50	5.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	6.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	6.50
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	3.00	3.50
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 52

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 4, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	49.72	129.26	79.55	19.89	14.92 52.20
High	61.15	139.21	89.49	24.86	19.89 52.20
Mostly	57.17	139.21	79.55	19.89	19.89 52.20
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	63.14	139.21	84.52	34.80	16.41 52.20
High	64.63	149.15	99.43	44.75	24.86 52.20
Mostly	64.13	144.18	89.49	39.77	19.89 52.20
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	47.23	124.29	74.58	14.92	14.92 49.72
High	59.66	139.21	84.52	24.86	19.89 49.72
Mostly	56.68	129.26	79.55	19.89	19.89 49.72
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	64.13	144.18	89.49	29.83	19.89 52.20
High	67.12	149.15	99.43	39.77	24.86 52.20
Mostly	64.63	144.18	89.49	34.80	19.89 52.20

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to moderately good. Seller offerings varied from fully adequate to closely cleared. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breasts were closely cleared to short. Boneless skinless breasts were irregularly balanced and adequate overall. Leg quarters were adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA  
BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A  
RANGE 52-70  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 58.03  
NO. OF BOXES 9,921

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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